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SUBJECT: CLASSIFIED POUCH EXCHANGES AT LENINGRAD

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1. US CUSTOMS SERVICE ADVISES USUN THAT IT ALWAYS GRANTS ANY POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATION TO DIPLOMATIC COURIERS BRINGING DIPLOMATIC POUCHES TO NEW YORK.

2. POUCHES CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS SMALL, BULKY AND UNACCOMPANIED. SMALL POUCHES, WHICH CAN BE HAND CARRIED BY COURIER, ARE NORMALLY CARRIED BY COURIER FROM PLANE INTO CUSTOMS HALL. COURIER PROCEEDS IMMEDIATELY THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND POUCHES ARE PASSED THROUGH WITHOUT INSPECTION. LARGE AND BULKY POUCHES, WHICH ARE GENERALLY CARRIED IN CARGO AREA OF PLANE, CAN BE PICKED UP DIRECTLY FROM AIRCRAFT. COURIER MAY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY TO BRING CAR OR TRUCK ON AIRFIELD, WITH CUSTOMS INSPECTOR PRESENT, TO PICK UP LARGE AND BULKY POUCHES. POUCHES IN CARE OF CAPTAIN OF AIRCRAFT MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT IN WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY. AS SOON AS POUCHES ARE IDENTIFIED, CUSTOMS CHECK OFF MANIFEST AND RELEASES POUCH TO OFFICIAL CALLING FOR IT.

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